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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows (a marked-up copy of the claim amendments is provided as an attachment to this Amendment):

*A1* 8. (Amended-Clean Text) A fluid mixing device as claimed claim 1 wherein said flow divider defines a series of flow channels which form said second fluid inlets and said mixed fluid outlets.